



*We acknowledge that we  
are in the traditional  
territory of the  
Mississauga  
Anishinaabe, adjacent to  
the territory of the  
Haudenosaunee, on  
whose land and by whose  
waters we gather by the  
Williams Treaty to  
worship, listen, learn,  
share, and heal together  
in the name of our  
Creator, the Holy One of  
Blessing.*

*The hymns are found in  
the blue hymn book  
Common Praise in the  
pew racks.*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

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### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

*Please stand as the hymn begins.*

### **Hymn**

The Advent of our King

St Thomas

The Advent of our King our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

The Everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be;  
himself a servant's form puts on, to set his servants free.

Daughter of Zion, rise to meet thy lowly King;  
nor let thy faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.

As Judge on clouds of light, he soon will come again,  
and his true members all unite with him in heaven to reign.

Before the dawning day let sin's dark deeds be gone;  
the old man all be put away, the new man all put on.

All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever One, through all eternity.

### **Introit**

*Choir*

Look up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.

### **The Greeting**

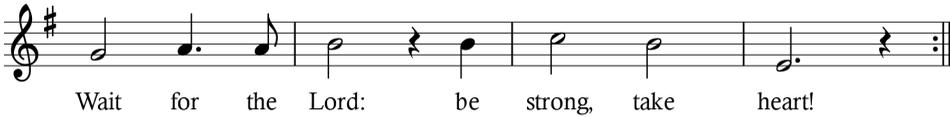
*Presider*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

*People*

**And also with you.**

## Advent Praise



## Collect of the Day

*Please sit at the conclusion of the prayer.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9 (OT 694)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

80:1-7,16-18

*The choir sings the verses. The congregation joins in the refrain (R).*



Show the light of your coun-ten-ance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people? You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. **R** You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn. Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R** Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **R**

*The readings can be found in the Bibles on the book racks at either entrance. The page numbers are in brackets and indicate Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT).*

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (NT 166)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the music begins.*

**Hymn** 98—Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Bristol

## Alleluia

Hymn 715

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*A procession brings the Gospel Book into the midst of the congregation and we turn towards it.*

*This symbolises the presence among God's people of the living Word in the person of Jesus Christ.*

## Gospel

Mark 13:24-37 (NT 50)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*The Gospel is proclaimed in the midst of the congregation.*

*Presider* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Please be seated after the prayer that begins the sermon.*

## Sermon

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Presider stands.*

*If you missed part of the sermon or would like to listen to it again, it will be posted on our website in the Worship section.*

## The Nicene Creed

*Presider* Let us confess our faith as we say,

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

### Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *Silence*

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The Presider pronounces the absolution of sin, to which all answer, "Amen."*

*The Prayers of the People are offered by members of the congregation. They reflect the needs and concerns of the local church and community, and of people in various kinds of need, sickness, or adversity throughout the world.*

The **Peace** is exchanged with a handshake or similar greeting with those immediately around us as a symbol of our reconciliation with our neighbour before approaching the altar. It is not necessary to move from one's place.

At the **Offertory**, gifts of bread and wine, signs of the fruit of human labour, are brought to the altar to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, signs of God's love for the world.

The **offering plate** is passed for the money offering, a sign of our gratitude for God's blessing of our lives. Money may be offered as cash or cheque—if placed in an envelope (visitors' envelopes are in the pews), tax receipts are issued for donations of twenty dollars or more.

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please turn to the people around you and exchange a sign of God's peace.*

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Hymn 114—Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending** Helmsley

### Prayer over the Gifts

#### Eucharistic Prayer

#### Scottish Prayer II

*Presider:* The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider* Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker...  
...singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

*Presider* Glory and thanksgiving be to you...  
...all honour and glory be to you, Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

ICET

Setting by David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give  
those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the  
time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil, for the  
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,  
now and for ev-er.

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## Breaking of the Bread

*Presider* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

*All* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*Presider* The gifts of God for the People of God.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus is the Host who invites us to share his Table. All those who are baptized in any tradition are welcome to receive*

**Communion** in both bread and wine. Please come forward to receive Communion as invited by the Sidespeople.

*If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please cross your arms in front of your chest.*

*Communion may be received at either the High Altar or in the Chapel. The Chapel is accessible for those who find stairs difficult.*

*If you require gluten-free bread, please ask the Communion minister.*

*Please do not dip the bread into the wine.*

*After making your Communion, please return to your seat to pray in silence.*

## Fraction Anthem



All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na  
All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a  
All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here in joy we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here in peace we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat - tered in comm - un - nion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

## Communion

Hymn: 110—"Sleepers Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us





## Liturgical Ministers

Presider and Preacher  
Organist  
Chimes  
Sacrist  
Crucifer  
Server  
Readers  
Intercessor  
Chalice Administrators  
Chapel  
Bread Administrator  
Elements  
Greeters  
Sidespeople

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Julie Deck  
John Earnshaw  
Eric Vreugdenhil  
Caelen McMurray  
Beth Vreugdenhil  
Carol Koeslag and Ray March  
Andrew Vreugdenhil and Esther Dore  
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The Rev. Brad Smith  
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The Rev. Christian Harvey  
*Deacon*

The Rev. Terry Noble  
The Rev. John Runza  
The Rev. Steve Smith  
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*Interim Director of Music*

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Mr Matthew Harvey  
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## Welcome!

### **Children's Ministry**

St John's welcomes children and youth. They are welcome to remain with you to worship and do not have to remain perfectly still and quiet! Please feel free to allow them to roam if they wish. For children who are not yet of school age, there is a professional child care provider staffing our Nursery, which is at the end of the hallway past the washrooms. For school age children, we offer a weekly Sunday School from September to June where kids hear the same Bible readings as in the worship service and engage in activities that are designed to teach the faith.

### **On Posture in Worship**

It is customary that we stand to pray and sing and sit to hear God's Word proclaimed and interpreted. Some people prefer to kneel to pray. Please adopt the posture that helps you to worship.

### **Visitor's Cards**

Please do take the time to complete a visitor's card, which can be found in the pocket at the aisle end of your pew. We would love the opportunity to stay in touch with you.

### **Assistive Hearing Devices**

If you are hard of hearing, headsets to assist you to hear the service are available. Please ask a Greeter or Sidesperson (usher) to assist you in finding and operating a headset.

### **Accessibility**

St John's is entirely accessible through the Brock St entrance. There are three accessible parking spots in the upper lot off Brock St. The church is level with the Brock St entrance and all other levels of the facilities are accessible via elevator.

### **Washrooms/Change Table**

Fully accessible washrooms are located down the hall to the right as you enter the lobby from Brock St. A change table is in the nursery at the end of the hall.

### **Fragrances**

We ask that you refrain from wearing strong fragrances in order to accommodate those with breathing sensitivities.